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- Grey Reef - Apr 2,3,4,5
- Canon City - April 18

### Meetings

- March 18 - Landon Mayer and Pat Dorsey

### Classes

- Beg. Tying Class 2 - March 14
- Open Tying - March 14
- Featured Tiers - April 11
- Tenkara - May 16

### Events

- Club Picnic - Jul 18
- Kids Day - May 17
- Kids Day - June 14

## HPD ANNUAL SURVEY

The annual survey is available on the website. Please take a moment to fill it out and help us improve the organization.

<http://www.hpd-fff.com/hpd-annual-survey/>

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# MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

## March 18

Pat Dorsey and Landon Meyer - Fly Fishing Colorado's Best Trout Streams

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## UPCOMING TRIPS

### Pancake Breakfast - March 21

The annual pancake breakfast has been a staple on our calendar for many years. The Pancake Breakfast is our first big event of the year.

### Grey Reef - Aril 2, 3, 4 and 5

Who doesn't like "The Reef" this time of year?!?

### Canon City - April 18

Tax day hatch!

## UPCOMING CLASSES

NOTE: The April Fly Tying Class will be held at Bass Pro Northfield

### Ongoing

Beginner Tying Class. Monthly on the second Saturday, 8am

Open Tying Sessions. Monthly on the second Saturday, 8am

### Upcoming

Feature Tiers - May 9

Tenkara - May 16

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kids Day - May 17

### Club Picnic - July 18

Beaver Meadows Resort - Red Feathers area

# **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**DECKERS - MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

The annual pancake breakfast has been a staple on our calendar for many years. The Pancake Breakfast is our first big event of the year, and gives us a chance to dust off our waders and take to the river (after a good meal of course). This river is a world renowned fishery. Known for its technical fishing opportunities and easy access. Deckers consists of a variety of water. Deep pools, shallow riffles, pocket water will challenge even the best anglers. Sight fishing is often the most productive mode fishing. Focusing on your target and offering a perfect drift will catch you fish here.

We once again will be meeting at Mike Owen's Cabin on the South Plate north of Deckers. For those of you who have never been we will place a HPD sign on his mail box. Plan eating around 8:00am then dividing up into groups and heading out to fish around 9:00am. There is not a planned carpool for this trip, but if some of you are interested, we will plan that out at the meeting on the 18th

## **GREY REEF**

**APRIL 2 - 5**

Alcova Wyoming is located 4 hours from Denver. Fly fishing is plentiful there and HPD fly fishermen frequent the area. You don't want to miss this adventure. Why do we go there - we catch a lot of fish. First there is Grey Reef starting near Alcova and continuing toward Casper. It supports over 8000 fish per mile. If that sounds like a lot it is. Fish here average 16-20 inches and plenty of fish are in the 5 to 10 pound range. Float it, wade it, float a rented boat, guide it either wading or floating. Lots of options.

Also, there is the Miracle Mile situated between Seminoe and Pathfinder Reservoirs is actually a seven mile long tail water section with consistent, cold water from the reservoir creating ideal big trout habitat. A recognized Blue Ribbon trout stream, Miracle Mile Wyoming has some of the biggest and highest numbers of trout in the lower 48.

Next is Fremont Canyon. Several years ago The Wyoming Fly Casters, Wyoming Game and Fish, Bureau of Reclamation and the Cardwell Ranch joined forces to develop Fremont Canyon into trout fishery. They manufactured a smaller streambed to

accommodate a flow of 75cfs. This one mile long section is accessed by foot only and is available as a public fishery.

And last, what about Thermopolis which is two hours away. If this is part of the trip it will be a day trip unless some anglers want to extend their time as an add-on. This world-class fishery is open all year and offers some of the best dry-fly, streamer, and nymph fishing in the West.

The co-captains for the trip are Jerry Eubanks and Paul Boals. We plan on staying at the Inn at Alcova (Sloan's General Store). We are blocking off a few units and reservations can be made through them call (307) 234-2066 and let them know you are with "The High Plains Drifters".

For information on the on-stream clinic see the website for details.

## **ARKANSAS RIVER – SALIDA AREA**

**APRIL 30 – MAY 3**

One hundred and two miles of the Arkansas River have just been designated as a Gold Water fishery. This shows that those of us who love fishing the Arkansas River both above and below the town of Salida know this trip will be a good way to begin a strong fishing season.

**Room Accommodations:** Aspen Leaf Lodge ([www.aspenleaf lodge.com](http://www.aspenleaf lodge.com)) 719-539-6733

Rooms are \$49 for a single; \$59 for a room with a King; \$69 for a room with 2 Queen beds. All rooms have a small fridge and microwave. No kitchenettes. The motel is about a block from Ark Anglers on Hwy 50.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All club members are responsible for making their own reservations. The club has reserved 5 rooms with 2 Queen beds. These rooms will be released on April 10, 3 weeks before the start date of the trip. Reserve well ahead of April 10 if you want to be sure to get a room at the Aspen Leaf Lodge.

**Camping/Trailer Option:** A very short drive down river from Salida is the Four Seasons RV Park ([www.fourseasonsresort.com](http://www.fourseasonsresort.com)) 719-5393084. This camp site sits right on the banks of the Arkansas just off Hwy 50 East of Salida.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Members planning to bring their own camping equipment be aware that the first week in May is already heavily booked for most camp sites. Begin right away to arrange for a place to camp.

**Food:** Friday through Sunday starts at the Patio Pancake Place near the East edge of town on Hwy 50. We gather at 7:30am to swap fish stories and to organize groups for the day. This is a great place for new members to team up with Club members who will be happy to welcome you and to show the way to the river ... but not necessarily to their secret, favorite fishing holes!

**LUNCH** is usually on the river. **DINNER** is a bit of a free for all. Many members gather to go one of the many fine restaurants in downtown Salida. There is fare for everyone's taste so talk up your favorite spot and convert a member to a new experience!

**FULL-DAY GUIDED RIVER TRIP:** Ark Anglers provides a guide, lunch and drinks for this well-received event. They will take up to 6 people. The cost is \$99 per person. **The fee is non-refundable** and must be paid in advance. Contact Dan Hogan (303-880-8710) for details on how to pay. Everyone who wants to take advantage of this event should register right away. **Availability will close on March 31.** You can be assured that Guide Stuart Andrews and his faithful Labrador will do everything possible to see that everyone catches fish. Public and Private water are involved. Meet at Ark Anglers at 8a.m.

**Fishing:** If a 4-day outing doesn't fit your schedule we will make sure to hook you up with those of us who will be there for the duration. Notify the trip captain of the day(s) you will be there and we will make sure that you know where to meet up with someone to fish with. (Dan Hogan - 303-880-8710).

**BWO & CADDIS** will be the main, go-to flies. Greg Felt, owner of Ark Anglers, says the first week in May is more of a time for BWOs. Greg says the caddis hatch has not been up to legendary standards for years.

**RIDE SHARE/ROOM SHARE:** Contact trip captain Dan Hogan if you need a ride or if you would like to share a room. I will notify anyone who wants to share a room of the other club members who also want a roommate. You guys can make the connections from there.

# CLUB PICNIC – BEAVER MEADOWS RESORT

JULY 18

The club is changing locations of the picnic this year to Beaver Meadows Resort, near Red Feathers Lake Website. Beaver Meadows has 3 large ponds, several miles of stream and beaver ponds throughout the property. We will have the on-site covered pavilion from 12PM until sunset, which is where the dinner will be served and it contains a bar. The pavilion is 10 yards from one pond about 20yds from the 2nd pond.

For anyone who is not fishing, the pavilion will have tables and chairs set up to play games, read, etc. There is also on-site volleyball courts, hiking trails and a stable. There is golfing nearby as well.

The dinner will consist of brats & burgers with condiments, baked beans, potato salad and watermelon. Ice tea, lemonade, tea & coffee are included. The cash bar has all types of drinks and they cost from \$3 to \$6. The dinner will cost \$10/head for members and guests, with HPD paying an additional \$10/head. There is also an full service restaurant for anyone who would prefer to eat there.

Fishing will cost \$20 rod fee. The rod fee is good from sunrise to sunset and includes all areas of the resort. Anyone who wishes can come up early and fish all day, and even grab breakfast at the restaurant. The number of rods will be limited to 50 total for the day. Belly boats are allowed.

There are 50 on-site camping spots, no hookups. Currently we have 4 sites set aside for us, but can set aside more to keep everyone together. The cost for camping is \$25 night. Tents are welcome.

# TENKARA CLASS

**MAY 16**

Daniel from Tenkara USA will be conducting a class on Tenkara techniques and equipment. We will meet in the Rocky Mountain Anglers shop for an hour and then move out to Boulder Creek for a 3 hour session on the water. Equipment will be provided for those that don't have any.

This will be an introductory class for anyone who would like to know more about the Tenkara method.

Sign up on the website at <http://www.hpdcff.com/events/tenkara-class-stream/>

## **HPD KIDS DAY 2015 (\*UPDATED\*)**

One of our key Club goals is to introduce people of all ages, and especially children, to the wonderful sport of Fly Fishing. Working with kids, teaching them how to tie flies, practice casting a fly rod, using the fly they just tied, and then watching them catch their first fish is such a thrill you won't forget. Creating smiles and an enjoyable experience are what the clinics are all about!

HPD volunteers are the best! You have stepped-up so many times to help, and I greatly appreciate your dedication to the Kid's programs. I am requesting your volunteer assistance once again, for one or both clinics this year.

### **KIDS DAY CLINIC #1**

- Sunday, May 17th / Lake Lehow & Lehow Pavilion (back-lot; same as last year)
- Volunteers Arrive: 7:30am - 8:00am
- Guest Arrive: 8:00am
- Program Starts at 8:15am

We have the pleasure of hosting approx. 20+ kids of the Tennyson Center for Clinic #1 (waiting for the Tennyson Center Board to approve). The Tennyson Center for Children is designed to create a safe, learning environment for children and their families; enabling the kids to rejoin their community and schools with confidence and skills. The Education Director, Bill Feeley, has taken a few kids fly fishing on Clear Creek and is very excited to have an opportunity to work with our Club.

## KIDS DAY CLINIC #2

- Saturday, June 14th
- Same location and times listed above for Clinic #1

During the Fly Fishing Show, our booth volunteers registered 30+ kids to attend our June clinic!

### LAST YEAR'S 41 VOLUNTEERS

Brett Edwards, Dan Hogan, Richard LaDue, George & Judy Kress, Dale Anderson, James Baird, Mark Bolson, Doug Borer, Geoff Bostic, Bruce Brown, Jon & Janelle Peterson, George Brown, Don Butt, Ron Herro, Bill Cronin, Marshall Estes, Jerry Eubanks, Von



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## **HOW ABOUT IT AGAIN THIS YEAR?**

Send me an email, phone call or see me at the next Club meeting! Plus, Cyndy Scholz has offered to Co-Chair the Kids Day Clinics with me. Thanks and tight lines always!  
Mike Vella (720) 346-5601 or [mike.vella1@gmail.com](mailto:mike.vella1@gmail.com)

I guarantee you will have more fun than the kids!!

## **SIGN- UP NOW**

Hey Drifters! Be sure to hop on the website to sign up for these great trips and events! The more people that sign-up in advance the better we can cater the trip to the expected crowds. See you on the water! <http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/>

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